II ended in 1985, the Committee did not meet thereafter.

(c) A new Steering Committee to monitor the implementation of O.F.III has been constituted on 25-10-89. The composition of the Committee is as under:—

1. Secretary (Agri. & Coopn.)	Chairman
2. Secretary (Expenditure)	Member
3. Secretary (Planning Commission)	Member
4. Secretary (Economic Affairs)	Member
5. Secretary (Rural Development)	Member
6. Chairman (NDDB)	Member

Setting up of a Railway Division Headquarters at Rangiya

515. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Railway Divisional Headquarters at Rangiya under North Frontier Railway; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Conditions of the Jhuggi dwellers in Chandigarh

516. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 520 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th April, 1989 and sate:

(a) the steps taken to improve the living conditions and providing basic civic amenities to jhuggi dwellers in Chandigarh;

(b) the number of tenements allotted for rehabilitation to jhuggi dwellers; and

(c) the number of persons living in Jhuggi-Jhopari colonies in Chandigarh for the present ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Several steps have been taken for improving the living conditions of Jhuggi Dwellers in Chandigarh. Out of 11 colonies of jhuggi dwellers, drinking water is available in 9 colonies, street lighting and facility for attending schools has been provided in two colonies and dispensary facility is available for two colonies in nearby sectors. Till January 1990, during the course of the Seventh Plan, 14180 slum dwellers have been covered in the Union Territory of Chandigarh under the scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS) which aims at providing basic physical amenities in slum areas. There is no provision under the scheme for providing tenements to jhuggi dwellers.

(c) As reported by the Chandigarh Administration, there are 61060 residents in the 11 Jhuggi colonies at Chandigarh.

Construction of housing units by Chandigarh Housing Board

517. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the number of housing units for general public constructed by Chandigarh Housing Board during each of the last three years;

(b) whether any of these were allotted on out-of-turn priority basis; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof including the authority making such allotments ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The number of houses constructed by Chandigarh Housing Board during the last 3 years is as under:

Year	No. of houses constructed
1986-87	1494
1987-88	1725
198-89	3339
TOTAL	6558

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details of houses allotted out of turn by the Administrator and Board out of their allotted quota of 5% each are as under:

Year	No. of houses allotted by	
	Administrator	Board
1986-87	20	19
1987-88	56	56
988-89	44	45
TOTAL	120	120

Issue of ration cards to all the citizens of the country

518. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to issue ration cards to all the citizens of the country without insisting on the applicant having a regular/fixed place of residence; and

(b) if so, what is the number of Jhuggi/pavement dwellers in Delhi who have been issued ration cards during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) Administration of the Public Distribution System rests with the State Governments/UT Administrations. Decisions regarding conditions of issue of ration cards, are taken by them.

(b) Over 70,000 food cards have been issued to residents of identifiable jhuggi jhopri clusters.

Import of rice

519. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have imported rice in the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the names of the exporting countries and the quantity imported country-wise;

(c) whether Government have decided to import rice during the current year and also next year; and

(d) if so, the quantity proposed to be imported and the names of countries, together with periods when the rice consignments are likely to be received ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) and (b) There was no import of rice dnring the years 1986-87 and 1987-88. India imported 6.84 lakh Metric Tonnes of rice from Thailand during 1988-89 to replenish